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SUBJECT: DEFINITIONS PART OF SEMENOV'S STATEMENT OF APRIL 25, 1975
(SALT TWO-633)

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THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS WERE PROPOSED BY SEMENOV TODAY
IN HIS PLENARY STATEMENT (SALT TWO-632) FOR INCLUSION IN
THE TEXT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT, STATING THAT THEY WERE OFFERED
UPON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE EXCERPTED
FROM REFTEL AND TRANSMITTED HEREIN FOR EASE OF REFERENCE.
DEFINITIONS FOLLOW:

DEFINITIONS PART OF SEMENOV STATEMENT OF APRIL 25, 1975

ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, INCLUDING THE APRIL 2, 1975
MEETING, THE U.S. DELEGATION EXPRESSED INTEREST THAT THE
NEW AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD UNTIL THE END OF 1985 CONTAIN A
SPECIAL ARTICLE WITH DEFINITIONS OF SYSTEMS TO BE LIMITED.

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THE SOVIET SIDE HAS THOROUGHLY STUDIED THIS PROPOSAL.
IN ITS STATEMENT OF APRIL 15, 1975 THE USSR DELEGATION
EXPRESSED A CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION ON THIS SCORE.

IN DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SOVIET INITIATIVE I HAVE
INSTRUCTIONS TO TABLE A PROPOSAL ON ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOW-
ING DEFINITIONS OF STRATEGIC WEAPON DELIVERY SYSTEMS.

ON LAND-BASED ICBM LAUNCHERS:

"LAND-BASED INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS
(ICBM LAUNCHERS) ARE LAUNCHERS OF STRATEGIC BALLISTIC
MISSILES WITH A RANGE IN EXCESS OF THE SHORTEST DISTANCE
BETWEEN THE NORTHWESTERN BORDER OF THE CONTINENTAL USSR
AND THE NORTHEASTERN BORDER OF THE CONTINENTAL U.S."

ON SLBM LAUNCHERS:

"SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS (SLBM
LAUNCHERS) ARE BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS INSTALLED ON
NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINES AS WELL AS LAUNCHERS OF MODERN
BALLISTIC MISSILES FIRST FLIGHT TESTED SINCE 1965,
WHICH ARE INSTALLED IN ANY SUBMARINE, REGARDLESS OF
TYPE."

THIS FORMULA APPROPRIATELY TAKES INTO ACCOUNT PAST
DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA ON THIS QUESTION.

ON HEAVY BOMBERS:

"HEAVY BOMBERS ARE NUCLEAR WEAPON DELIVERY AIRCRAFT;
FOR THE U.S., B-52 AND B-1; FOR THE USSR, TUPOLEV-95 AND
MYASISHCHEV, AS WELL AS NEW AIRCRAFT BEING OR TO BE
DEVELOPED HAVING CHARACTERISTICS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE
B-1 BOMBER."

ON AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILES WITH A RANGE OVER 600 KM:

"AN AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE WITH A RANGE OVER 600
KILOMETERS IS ANY MISSILE OF THIS TYPE, INSTALLED IN A
BOMBER OR ON ITS EXTERNAL MOUNTINGS."

THIS DEFINITION ALSO TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE DISCUSSIONS
HELD HERE.

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WE PROCEED FROM THE PREMISE THAT THIS PROPOSAL OF
THE SOVIET SIDE CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT CONSTRUCTIVE STEP
TOWARD THE POSITION OF THE U.S. SIDE ON THE CORRESPONDING
QUESTIONS. IT IS A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRESS
AT THE NEGOTIATIONS.

CONSIDERING THE SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE THE WORKING

RECESS, IT SEEMS ADVISABLE TO REFER THE QUESTION OF THESE
DEFINITIONS TO THE KARPOV-KLOSSON GROUP FOR WORKING OUT
AGREED FORMULATIONS.

MR. AMBASSADOR,

AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS THE USSR DELEGATION INTENDS
TO ADDRESS SOME OTHER QUESTIONS RELATED TO WORKING OUT A
JOINT DRAFT TEXT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT. JOHNSON

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